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Applicants: Stan Gronthos et al.

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Sir:

## PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Petition is submitted in connection with the Final Office Action issued June 22, 2009 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 22, 2009 Final Office Action was due September 22, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$555.00), and authorization is hereby given to charge this amount to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the June 22, 2009 Final Office Action is now due December 22, 2009.

Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$555.00 for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

hereby certify correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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